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State Senator Jerry Little
Senate District 8
State House, Room 105-A
107 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Senator Little,

We are highly disappointed by your letter to Governor Hassan in support of the Antrim Wind Energy project proposal currently in front of the state's Site Evaluation Committee. It is clear that the pros and cons of this highly controversial proposal have not been researched or considered. It appears that the needs and well-being of your voting constituents carry less weight in your eyes than those of industrial developers from beyond your district.

The "publicly reported" "positive" impact of the proposed project is the product of press releases from the developer, not from experts and others who have been studying the potential effects this project would have on the town, region, and state. The "positive... economic development impact... to benefit New Hampshire schools" has been called into question numerous times, as the PILOT agreement between Antrim Wind and the Town of Antrim has been formulated in AWE's best interests and would prove a tax burden on the town's residents in future years.

The statement that the project "will generate enough emissions-free electricity to power 12,000 New Hampshire homes" is highly deceptive. This state already produces more electricity than it consumes and thus any further generation would result in exporting yet more power. During their first project application, Antrim Wind had not been able to find ANY potential buyer of their power within the state, and had only indefinite interest from a company located in Rhode Island. When recently questioned they still had no power purchase agreement.

On the other hand, the Tuttle Hill/Willard Mountain ridge where they have proposed to locate this project contains some of the most spectacular wildlife habitat and natural rock formations in southern New Hampshire. Willard Pond, immediately adjacent to the project is in New Hampshire Audubon's flagship sanctuary and is widely considered to be the finest example of a pristine pond outside of the White Mountains. The entire region is a crucial component in the Greater Monadnock Supersanctuary and a key central piece of the Quabbin-to-Cardigan corridor (see <https://www.forestsociety.org/q2c>).

There are numerous residents who live in close proximity to the site of the proposed massive 500-foot turbines (the largest in the northeast) who have actively opposed this project for the last seven years. The imposed noise, shadow flicker, and destruction of the viewshed in the

Rural Conservation District, zoned to prohibit any industrial development, would destroy the tranquil qualities of this area which they have enjoyed for decades.

The extensive blasting and habitat destruction would severely, negatively, and irreversibly alter the region forever. There is no possible way to imagine that this project's questionable benefits to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Antrim could ever outweigh the permanent damage to the ecological, aesthetic, and quality-of-life values that this part of Antrim has always enjoyed.

The State of New Hampshire must consider all facets of any proposed new energy project. Not every potential industrial wind energy facility would have the ideal combination of qualities to make it a positive proposition for our future. This particular project, in its unique, valuable setting with its numerous residential neighbors, its highly questionable energy output need, and coming from a developer with no experience whatsoever in the construction and operation of industrial-scale wind turbines, just does not possess the qualities that would make it a beneficial addition to the state's future energy needs.

We urge you to reconsider your support for the Antrim Wind Energy project proposal.

If you would like to discuss this further or desire any additional information, we would welcome you to contact us at any time. Since this project proposal has been introduced, we have served as spokespersons for a number of abutting and non-abutting residents of Antrim and surrounding towns and have been conducting extensive research into the ramifications of such a massive industrial wind installation in our small town.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very sincerely,



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cc: Governor Maggie Hassan
SEC Chairman Martin Honigberg
Attorney General Joseph Foster